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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. §1.136)

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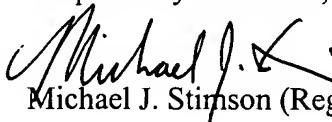
It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 2, 2004, in the above-referenced application be extended **three (3) months** from April 2, 2004 to July 2, 2004, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge the three-month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 in the amount of \$950.00 to Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing the above-docket number.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge the any fee, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038. *A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.*

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